## В. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of 1. providing dynamic network pricing data, said method comprising:
  - determining, by a network pricing computer, an amount of traffic on a computer network, wherein the determining includes requesting traffic data from one or more network devices and receiving the requested traffic data in response to the requests;
  - calculating, by the network pricing computer, a network usage price in response to the determination; [[and]] applying the network usage price to a network session[[.]]. wherein the applying includes:
    - recording a session start time and the network usage price for the network session;
    - identifying a session stop time for the network session;
    - writing a high priority header to each of a plurality of packets originating from a computer system corresponding to the network session between the session start time and the session stop time;
    - determining an elapsed session time; and calculating a session billing amount corresponding to the elapsed session time and the network usage price.
- 2. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as 3. described in claim [[2]]  $\underline{1}$  wherein the network devices are

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- selected from the group consisting of routers, switches, and computer systems.
- (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method as 4. described in claim 1 further comprising: identifying a client computer system corresponding to the network session; and sending the network usage price to the client computer system.
- 5. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as 6. described in claim [[5]]  $\underline{1}$  further comprising: storing one or more session billing amounts for one or more users;
  - calculating an invoice total for each of the users based on each user's corresponding session billing amounts; and preparing an invoice for each of the users, the invoice including each user's invoice total.
- 7. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) An information handling system 8. comprising:

one or more processors;

- a memory accessible by the processors;
- a network interface connecting the information handling system to a computer network; and
- a network pricing tool to provide dynamic network pricing data, the network pricing tool including: means for determining an amount of traffic on a computer network, wherein the means for

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determining includes means for requesting traffic data from one or more network devices and means for receiving the requested traffic data in response to the requests;

- means for calculating a network usage price in response to the determination; [[and]]
- means for applying the network usage price to a network session[[.]], wherein the means for applying includes:
  - means for recording a session start time and the network usage price for the network session;
  - means for identifying a session stop time for the network session;
  - means for writing a high priority header to each of a plurality of packets originating from a computer system corresponding to the network session between the session start time and the session stop time;
  - means for determining an elapsed session time; and
  - means for calculating a session billing amount corresponding to the elapsed session time and the network usage price.
- 9. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) The information handling system as 10. described in claim [[9]] 8 wherein the network devices are selected from the group consisting of routers, switches, and computer systems.

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- (Original) The information handling system as described in 11. claim 8 further comprising:
  - means for identifying a client computer system corresponding to the network session; and means for sending the network usage price to the client computer system.
- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a 14. computer operable media, the computer operable media containing instructions for execution by a computer, which, when executed by the computer, cause the computer to implement a method for providing dynamic network pricing, said method comprising:
  - determining an amount of traffic on a computer network, wherein the determining includes requesting traffic data from one or more network devices and receiving the requested traffic data in response to the requests;
  - calculating a network usage price in response to the determination; [[and]]
  - applying the network usage price to a network session[[.]], wherein the applying includes: recording a session start time and the network usage price for the network session; identifying a session stop time for the network session;
    - writing a high priority header to each of a plurality of packets originating from a

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computer system corresponding to the network session between the session start time and the session stop time;

determining an elapsed session time; and calculating a session billing amount corresponding to the elapsed session time and the network usage price.

- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim [[15]]  $\underline{14}$  wherein the network devices are selected from the group consisting of routers, switches, and computer systems.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The computer program product as described in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises: identifying a client computer system corresponding to the network session; and sending the network usage price to the client computer system.
- 18. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) The computer program product as 19. described in claim [[18]] 14 wherein the method further comprises:
  - storing one or more session billing amounts for one or more users;
  - calculating an invoice total for each of the users based on each user's corresponding session billing amounts; and preparing an invoice for each of the users, the invoice including each user's invoice total.

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20. (Cancelled)